THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICAITONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) There is no mannual Telephone exchange in Karnataica.

(b) Docs not arise in view of reply to (a) above.

(c) Docs not arise.

Measures Proposed to Make Department of Telecom Self Reliant

4470. DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Telecom, is a burden on the exchequer;

(b) if so, their expected liabilitv on Centre during this year; and

(c) the measures proposed to make the Department self reliant?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICAITONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) No, Sir. In fact Department of Telecom has been making significant contributions to the exchequer over the years.

(d) and (c) Question does not arise in view of (a) above.

राजस्थान में टेलीफोन कनैक्शनों के लिए प्रतीक्षासूची में व्यक्ति

4471. **श्री ओंकार सिंह लखावत**: क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) 31 मार्च, 1998 की स्थिति के अनुसार राजस्थान में टेलीफोन कनैक्शनों के लिए जिले वार प्रतीक्षा सूची में कुल व्यक्तियों की संख्या क्या है; और

(ख) प्रतीक्षा सूची में दर्ज इन व्यक्तियों को टेलीफोन कनेक्शन कब तक मिलने की संभावना है?

संचार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री कबीन्द्र पुरकायस्थ): (क) 31.3.1998 तक की स्थिति के अनुसार, राजस्थान में टेलीफोन कनैक्शनों के लिए प्रतीक्षा सूचीमें व्यक्तियों की जिलेवार कुल संख्या विवरण में दी गई है (नीचे देखिए)।

(ख) कुल 138239 व्यक्तियों की प्रतीक्षा सूची में से, दूरस्थ ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में कुछ अव्यवहार्य तथा लम्बी दूरी के कनैक्शनों को छोड़कर अधिकांश प्रतीक्षा सूची का चालू वित्त वर्ष के दौरान निपटान कर दिया जाएगा।

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Applications pending tor PCOs in Nalan-da District of Bihar

4472. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) tlie total number of PCO in Nalan-da district of Bihar;

(b) the total number of applications from this district for PCOs pending clear ance with SDO(T), Bihar Sharif;

(c) What are the details of applications out of the above which have been received from villages falling under Nalan-da exchange togetherwith the time since when these are pending clearance;

(d) whether the main reasons for their pendency is slackness/apathy on the part of officials concerned; and'

(e) by when all the applications are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA):

(a) 45

(b) 601

(c) No application has been received.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) The applications are likely to be cleared progressively after constitution of PCO Allotment Committee for which nominations from MPs are awaited and subject to technical feasibility

Implementation of Justice Talwar Committee Report

4473. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Justice Talwar Committee report on functioning of extra-departmental post-office had submited its report many years ago;

(b) if so, the stage of implementation of the recommendations of this Committee;

(c) the main reasons for the delay in accepting the recommendations;

(d) whether it is a fact that postal employees have gone on stricke to press for implementation of recommendation of the Committee; and

(e) by when the recommendation are likely to be accepted by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) Justice Talwar Committee submitted its report only on 30.4.97.

(b) Recommendations are under active considerations of Govt.

(c) Recommendations of Justice Talwar Committee for Extra Departmental Agents are based on the recommendations of the Vth Central Pay Commission for Central Government employees, a major part of which relating to scales of pay, allowances, etc. came to be implemented *vide* Govt.. Notifications dated 30.9.97 and 3.10.97 respectively. Thereafter, orders for implementing a major recommendation of Justice Talwar Committee to increase the fixed monthly allowance of Extra Departmental Agents w.e.f. 1.1.96 by multiplying the same with 3.25 were issued on 12.11.97. These